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<u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u>

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed, together with its English-language abstract, is attached.

JP 2002-23988 JP 2001-34431 JP 2001-282475 JP 2002-14791 JP 2002-244788 JP 2-247745 JP 9-188007 JP 2002-144679 These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent

application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office

Action, dated September 4, 2006, and an English translation thereof are attached.

In view of the 09/04/2006 date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a

communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more

than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form

an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed

invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has

been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA

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